

AC439(3) SUNBURY-ON-THAMES

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF SUNBURY-ON-THAMES
FOR THE YEAR 1943

Population (as estimated by the Registrar-General for 1943) 20,030

Live Births Boys 225 (11 illegitimate) (210)

Girls 189 (13 illegitimate) (209)

Total 414 (419)

Deaths Men 114 (78)

Women 94 (95)

Total 208 (173)

Birth Rate (per 1000 live births) 20.6 (20.7)
(England & Wales 16.5)

Death Rate (per 1000) 10.3 (8.7)
(England & Wales 12.1)

These figures show that in comparison with England and Wales, our Birth Rate is up and the Death Rate down.

Deaths under 1 year	...	...	...	18
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years)	...	...	...	5

Highest cause of Death - Cancer - with 36.

Of the deaths registered in the Urban District in 1943 there were:

15 men and 16 women over 70 years of age
6 men and 21 women over 80 and
3 women over 90

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Diphtheria 6 cases notified. None of these children had been immunised. Two cases were fatal, ages $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 yrs.

Scarlet Fever 31 cases notified. 5 were nursed at home, the others were sent to Hospital.

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<u>Chickenpox</u>	19 cases were notified by Medical Practitioners. Many more were sent in by Head teachers of Schools.
<u>Pneumonia</u>	13 cases only notified. 5 of these went to Hospital. There were 9 deaths, 8 men 1 woman.
<u>Malaria</u>	One case. Member of the R.A.F.V.R. home on leave.
<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>	One case, sent to Hospital.
<u>Meningitis</u>	4 cases.
<u>Measles</u>	148 cases notified. Many more sent in from Schools.
<u>Whooping Cough</u>	8 cases only notified. Many also notified from Schools.
<u>Tuberculosis</u>	Pulmonary. 11 males and 9 females notified. Non- " 1 male and 1 female.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

370 children in the District were immunised in 1943, 149 under 5 and 221 between 5 and 15.

SCABIES

Under the Order of 1941, 472 persons received treatment during 1943. All these cases were treated at the First Aid Post, Ashford Common, by the Civil Defence nurses.

CANCER

During 1943, there were 36 deaths - 25 males and 11 females.
(29 in 1942, 14 males and 15 females)

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following specimens were sent to the Clinical Research Association during the year:

Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	52 negative, 2 positive.
Sputum for Tuberculosis	...	...	2 negative.
Blood	...	...	2
Milk samples	...	...	7

CIVIL AMBULANCE

During the year the Civil Ambulance was called out 476 times.

By doctors 295 calls, others 181. Mileage - 6,219

Average mileage per journey = 13.

The longest journey was 59 miles. Longest time absent from
District, $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

GENERAL REPORT

The general health of the District has been maintained, both adults and children. There have been no major epidemics.

The Housing problem is still acute. Post War Planning is receiving attention.

During the year, most of the schools set up the provision of mid-day meals for the children and this has been a material factor in maintaining a high standard of health.

As noted, Diphtheria Immunisation is progressing very satisfactorily, and I want again to urge the necessity of more children being immunised after 1 year and before school age. This is very important.

Again I wish to thank Mr. Moore, the Sanitary Inspector, and Mrs. Lukyn, clerk, for their good work in the Public Health Department, and for their dealing with the extra calls made upon them under War conditions. Also I thank the Officers of other Departments for their ready co-operation.

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